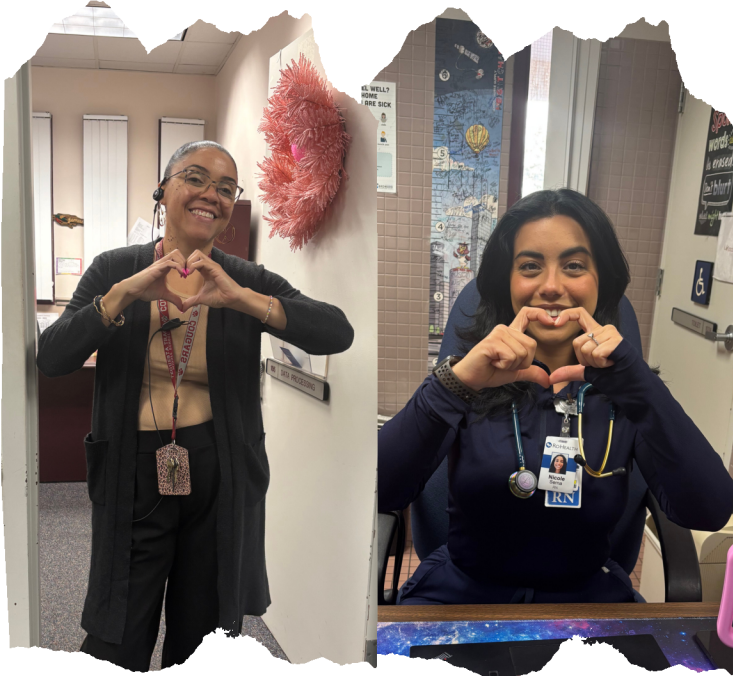


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SHOWING LOVE AT TEQUESTA

BY STEPHANIE K. & VALERIA C.

It's Valentine's Day! How do you celebrate this day? We wanted to know what students and staff at Tequesta are doing this year, and what their most memorable Valentines were, so we interviewed a couple of students and staff members. Valentines' Day is meant to show love to everyone no matter who it is.

People celebrate this wonderful day with friends, family, and partners; in other words our loved ones. So really, Valentines' Day isn't just about dating. It's also about appreciation for the people that you care about in your life. Isabella F., for example, said that she is "celebrating with her friends and candy is her favorite part". Ms. Love said her most memorable and favorite Valentine's Day experience was with Mrs. Foreman after school going out for dinner. Mr. Harmon also told us that this year his daughters planned a Valentine's date for him, and they're going out for pizza, going to watch a movie, and eating red velvet cookies for dessert!

We also wanted to know if any teachers have any fun Valentines stories. Mrs. Rubi said that her favorite memory was when she was at work and all of the sudden, the receptionist said a cop was there to see her and she thought she was being arrested but in reality her partner was a cop and was there to surprise her with flowers and chocolates and went on a cruise after. We heard of another cute Valentine's story by Mrs. Cooper who said, her husband surprised her with a trip to a fancy resort and proposed to her there. As you can see, this day is full of surprises and a chance to show love.



A DAY OF LOVE AND SERVICE AT TEQUESTA!

BY MIRANDA V., AUDREY E., AND GABRIELA C.

Here at TTMS we celebrate a day of love and service on February 14th. On this day peer counselors take part in activities to help people in need. Ms. Love and Mrs. Brown are the teachers in charge of this day, they spread love around the school. We decided to interview Ms. Love, Mrs. Brown and some students on what they think about day of love and service.

Ms. Love is a Peer Counseling teacher who organizes special events in and outside of school and around the county. She is currently organizing amazing events such as the Day of Love and Service and the Harvest Drive. We interviewed her to get the details behind the Day of Love and Service. "I love thinking about those who are less fortunate. The kids love the idea of getting involved in a project that isn't for themselves."

Mrs. Brown teaches civics and is a licensed therapist. She organizes special events such as the JAFSCO drive, the Day of Love and Service, and more. When asked about her activities, she told us. "I like how I'm able to give back to the community because this day is supposed to be a happy day and there are people who are less fortunate, help them is one of the best things we can do." From a student's perspective, we asked Lucie L, on the day of Love and Service "What does the day of love and service mean to you?" she told us, "Spreading kindness is the best part!"

Another student is Katlyn S., an eighth-grade student peer counselor who took part in this activity. We decided to ask her, "How did you help out for the Day of Love and Service?" "I helped in the Day of Love and Service by making the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless."

Instead, Dylan S. is an eighth-grade student, currently in peer counseling and was a part of the Day of Love and Service. We decided to ask him what it meant for him to be a part of this special event. "We're very privileged to be where we are, and it's nice helping people in need."

Mateo G. is another student here at Tequesta Trace. When we asked what it meant for him to give back to the community, he responded "It makes me feel like I'm helping them by doing things they might not be able to do by themselves."

The day of love and service is a special day for all those who love someone or show kindness to someone else. You can give love and service in many different ways. Such as community service, or donating, and the best part is, you get to choose! All of these students and teachers encourage you to give to people in need and spread love around your community. So, remember, there is always someone who needs love, go give it!



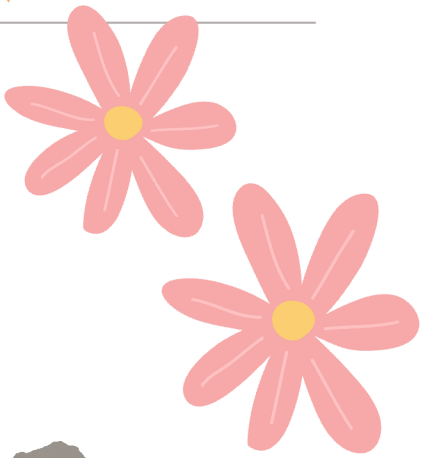
SPRING BREAK PLANS!

BY STEPHANIE K. AND VALERIA C.

It's many student and teacher's favorite time of the year again! Lots of people are looking forward to going on spring break. Most people love a good break to just relax before it's time to go on summer break. We interviewed lots of students and staff to see what they're doing on spring break.

Lots of people travel or go to the beach during spring break, and other chill at home and hang out with their friends. Mrs. Nissan said that for this spring break she is, "Going to Alabama to visit very close friends and priests, and going to Selma to see all the good black history." Miss Astacio is also going out of town for spring break to go visit her family in Los Angeles, California.

We thought about cruises and how lots of people go on cruises since the weather starts to get a lot warmer starting to get into the summer. Mr. Hoilett is going on a 6 day cruise with his brother to Jamaica, Mexico, and more! Ms. Doolittle is most likely to stay local and go fishing in the Keys with her partner. Simon B and Max T said that both of them are looking forward to relaxing at home, going out with friends, and playing soccer over the break. Some people like Mr. Harmon and Ms. M Wilson are looking forward to staying local and enjoying the sunny beach days. Others like Mrs. Veronick and Mrs. Foreman are very excited to go spend time with their kids in Orlando.



MASTERING ART WITH MS. JASPER

BY GEORGIA G. & ISABELLA M.

Our experienced and professional art teacher who goes by the name Mrs. Jasper, teaches kids at Tequesta Trace how to use creative art techniques. Once you walk into her classroom, it feels so warm and welcome, you are surrounded by beautiful paintings and art pieces. Most of the art that is displayed was created by the students she taught. They're all talented children that have a bright future ahead of them, and Mrs. Jasper is a big part of their success. Additionally, Mrs. Jasper loves to give the kids opportunities to do fun projects. She always has something exciting in mind for her art students. We decided to do a little spotlight on the cool activities taking place in this class to get an idea of what they really do.

One of our brilliant art students, Lyrik H. (8th grade) talks about art and the hard experiences she has had to overcome. "I feel like one of the most challenging art pieces I've had to do was when I drew animals." Drawing animals was a weakness that Lyrik had, but was still able to master. She was determined to complete this hard task, and remembered the important tips Ms. Jasper had provided before. Camila and Alyssa, are not only able to work and talk at the same time, but they make sure to put in tons of effort into the projects. Both girls mention that they learned new techniques in this art course such as Chinese writing, Japanese art, and how to use ink. "One of the hardest art projects I've done was when we did a Christmas project for our parents. We had to paint something that reminded us of them, my mom wanted to go to the Brooklyn Bridge so I painted the Brooklyn Bridge for her." In this sense, Alyssa agreed with Lyrik, saying that the project painting animals was the toughest.

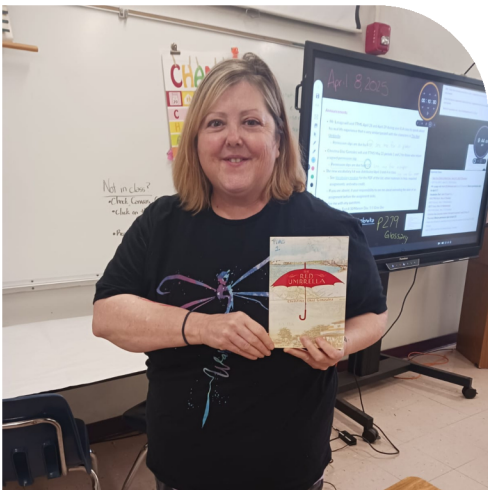
"I teach them as if we were in a studio, not an art class" Ms. Jasper brings up. She likes to make it seem like a studio so that students may also take the class a little more seriously. The classroom vibes also makes them feel so comfortable and makes them eager to make art. Ms. Jasper mentioned that her biggest goal was to give the students lots of creativity. She felt that if the students learned to use their imagination and come up with their own creations, it could pass on to every other class, such as language arts, mathematics, science, and history. She feels that their skills in other academic classes will only get better.



CELEBRATING LITERACY WEEK AT TEQUESTA

BY RHYTHM M. & SEBASTIAN E.

Literacy week is an initiative started due to teachers wanting to provide language arts awareness to students in Tequesta. This plan originated from a law that state governor Ron DeSantis signed. This law was called the New Worlds Reading Initiative, this law dedicates \$200 million for reading habits in Florida students. Teachers then are taking the initiative to help students learn about the amazing of language arts. To start off, when does literacy week even start? Well, it usually starts on January 27th going through the 31st. So, teachers and staff are working overtime to make sure that students are staying passionate for reading and language arts. This is a very popular activity teachers use for instructing literacy week.



When asking people their takes on this subject, this is what they had to say. Samuel Munoz explained how this week helped him understand the intricacies of the English Language. “It helped me understand the culture better and how it felt to understand this country’s spoken language more deeply.” We also asked a teacher their thoughts on how they feel about the literacy week and how to engage our students. Ms. Wilson mentioned that, “We have to find out ways to make people want to read more”. In conclusion, teachers at Tequesta Trace work hard to make sure that students get to reinforce their English skills and learn more about it’s foundations.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

BY AUDREY E. & GABY C.

Guess who the teacher of the year is? That's right, it's the one and only Mrs. Brown! Mrs. Brown is an amazing teacher who does some awesome activities. We wanted to know what she thinks about civics and receiving the teacher of the year, then we decided to ask students what they think about Mrs. Brown and how she got this special award.

A little about Mrs. Brown’s background: She teaches civics for 7th graders and is actively helping our school and the local community. Specifically, she is very involved in JAFCO, which is the Jewish Adoption and Family Care Organization. Additionally, as if that wasn’t enough, she is also a licensed therapist and volunteers for the Humane Society. When asked, what was the reason for helping out in these ways, Mrs. Brown told us that, “To me, I think these things have a lot more impact on people than most people think because they can go a lot farther with everyone’s help.”

Mrs. Brown has had many accomplishments over the years, and teachers admire her kindness, perseverance, and benevolent nature. Her teaching style keeps students engaged during her lessons, and her students have report having a positive experience in her classroom. Don’t take it from us, this is what her students had to say about the teacher of the year. “I think she’s a great teacher and really helps us enjoy civics,” says Annaya D (7th grade). “I think she’s an awesome civics teacher because I’ve learned about the different branches of our government and our Constitution,” said Aurora C. (7th grade).

In conclusion, Mrs. Brown has worked hard to receive this special award because of wonderful teaching styles, her generous participation in JAFCO and as a therapist, as well as her love for the Humane Society. We appreciate Mrs. Brown and everything she does to create a positive learning environment for all of us. Keep doing what you’re doing!



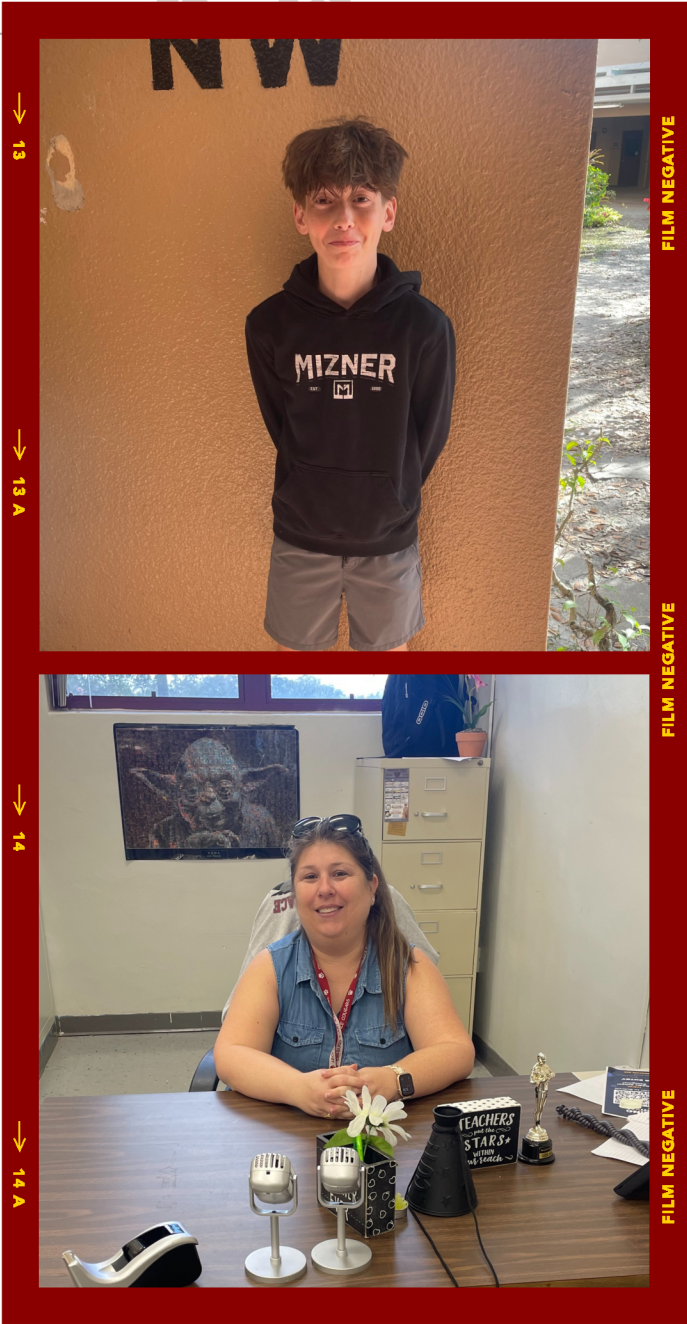
THE ART OF FILM

BY AIDEN M., NATHAN S., & PEDRO G.

Ms. Rosenkranz teaches the amazing film class and showing students the art of filmmaking, as well as creating your own films. Seeing how this class deepens our understanding and appreciation of film, we decided to get her take on this course. Film is a class about learning how movies are directed and how they work. Having that skill can give you opportunities in the future to get scholarship or even jobs. We interviewed Ms. Rosenkranz to figure out what you should expect in film. Ms. Rosenkranz says that “Students can expect to learn how to make films and camera angles, color and sound design.” Students can learn to use camera angles to portray a story with sound design that feels clean and diegetic sound as well as pastel colors to make to movie feel real.

The students of Ms. Rosenkranz’s class have the ability to learn not only about movies but about making connections with friends or partners and therefore gaining the responsibility of learning about movie making. Her students also have the opportunity to give opinions on films they see and analyze. One of her students for example, shared with us why he decided to roll in this class. He says “I am interested in movies and want to do a deep dive on it” Another student, Emmanuel T., talks about a memorable moment in class: “We were an hour into the *Jaws* movie and finally we got to see the shark’s face.” From what we gathered, students love film, what the class as taught them, and the social connections students have made.

Overall, film is a great class that teaches the fundamentals of making movies, and gaining a deeper appreciation for these works of art. You'll also make great friends that you will enjoy watching or making films while making great friends. If any of this interests you maybe you should try out film!



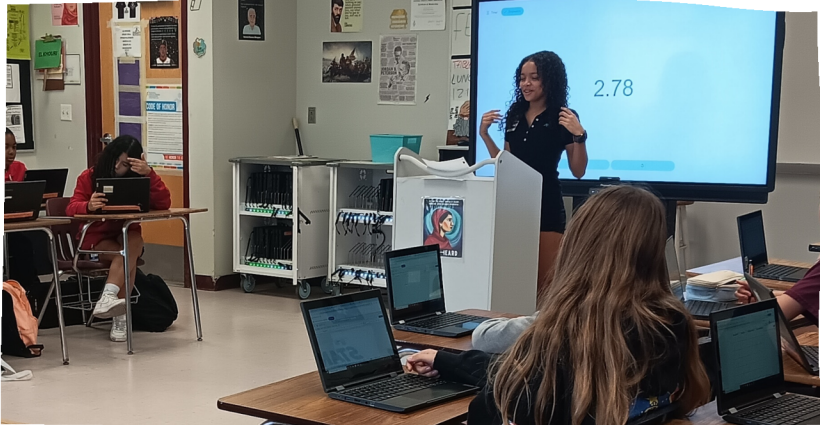
SPEECH & DEBATE AT TTMS

BY LEONARDO L. & SEBASTIAN P.

Have you ever thought of a class that teaches their students how to give public speeches and how to do so in a respectful way? If so, then you might enjoy speech and debate. Mr. El Khouri is the speech and debate coach who takes care of students participating in district debate tournaments throughout the year.

Mr. El Khouri talked about what his thoughts were on his speech & debate team and how they were doing in tournaments. He said that they have participated in all of the tournaments that have been going on throughout the year. Janaki B., part of the Speech & Debate team, talked about how it is one of her favorite classes in the school and that they go through many different types of methods and how to practice their skills so that they can improve and win tournaments. She said that in the future she will use her speech and debate skills while in a job interview or to become a public speaker.

Additionally, Damian N. explained that he enjoyed speech & debate, specifically how they rehearse speeches and debate different topics such as the government and other topics. He said that he will use speech & debate in the future for manufacturing and becoming a manager or an entrepreneur to give announcements or speeches at any time. If you ever want to be a public speaker or speak in a public debate then you should join the speech and debate team.



FLYING & DIVING FOR VOLLEYBALL

BY CALI C., JAYMEE M., & RYLIE M.

This year's 2024-2025 girls' volleyball team has made it to the county finals on February 5th, 2025, at Pompano Beach High school. This year the team worked very hard during their season. It paid off, as the team made history. So, we decided to interview Coach Niesel and one of the two 8th grade captains, Aleshka S.

Ms. Niesel told us “Overall, together we had a great season, we won every game and reached finals, so I was proud of the girls and their hard work. "A strong moment for the team, as Ms. Niesel shared her favorite memory was with the team this year: “We won the Cougar Classic at the beginning of the season”. Noting the importance of this competition, Ms. Niesel explained that “only the top 18 teams in the county come to play a preseason tournament and it really prepares us for the season.” Finally, when we asked her about any recommendations for our star student athletes that want to try out next season, she told us “To continue playing volleyball and to work hard!”

Next, we had a conversation with Aleshka S, one of our 8th grade captains to get her input on how the season went. She said, “The season was good, and I am really happy with our performance in the games we played.” Next, we asked her what her favorite memory is from the season. She stated, “The practices were really fun, and I loved when we would eat donuts after practice, I feel like that really helped us have conversations with each other and get to know each other better.” Finally, we asked what she thinks the team can improve on in the future. She said, “To not get in your head when you make a mistake and to just be confident in yourself.”

Finally, we would like to conclude this article by saying thank you to everyone that supported the girls' volleyball team this year. We would also like to say thank you to Coach Niesel for putting the time and effort into helping our girls' volleyball team be successful and fun for our school.



TOUCHDOWN WITH FLAG FOOTBALL

BY DANIELLA H., MELANIE L., & MIKAELA T.

Have you ever wondered what flag football is about? Well, we decided to ask a flag football player from our school to give us her experience on the sport.

In flag football, players train for a challenging game. How do they prepare for this difficult game? Well, they work hard and practice before games, like flag pulling drills, running their routes, and offense and defense plays to get ready.

We asked Ms. Dolittle, the flag football coach a couple of questions on how this season went and what she thought of her team.

Our players put in a lot of hard work to face the challenging quality of this sport. For example, Adriana L., who plays on the girls' team, told us that “sometimes it's hard to catch a ball that is going extremely fast.” As Adriana also mentions, she thinks girls at our school should give flag football a try, since “you might find out that you really enjoy it.” In our school, flag football is very popular, as many students try out to see if their skills match this sport.

Lastly, none of this would not be possible if not for the dedication of our teachers and coaches, who teach us everything from the beginning to the end. Adriana L., as team captain, is very happy she has the chance to work with her coaches and teammates. The coach Mrs. Dolittle can tell us what is like to be a coach in flag football, even though Dolittle is a professional in flag football she faces some stressful problems in live game. For instance, Dolittle says “In an ongoing game it's hard to make important decisions that could change the game.”



COACH DOLITTLE Q & A CORNER

What is the hardest thing about being a coach?
“In a live game, it's hard to make important decisions because they can make the difference between a win and a loss.”

What do you do in flag football?
“In flag football, you play with normal rules, but instead of tackling, you grab the other players' flags.”



EMPOWER WOMEN, EMPOWER THE WORLD!

BY DELIA C., ALYSSA M., AND ISHANVI C.



What do Michelle Obama, Emma Watson, and Amanda Gorman all have in common? They are women who have changed the world for the better! Women's History Month was celebrated in March and recognized the need for equality and the achievements that women have as they greatly impact our world. No matter where you are, or who you are, *you* can make a difference. Women in history have shown us that regardless of your gender, age, height, size, hair, race, or beliefs, you can face any challenge and raise awareness about what you stand for. In 1789, Women's History Month started as a festivity in Santa Rosa, California and only occurred for the single week of March 8th. Now, over two centuries later, Women's History Month is a respected honoring that occurs once a year, every year! Women worldwide are admired and valued for their hard work and desire to make the world a better place for generations to come. Additionally, many women have inspired people all over the world. We are highlighting a few women: Michelle Obama, Emma Watson, and Amanda Gorman. Michelle is an attorney and former first lady of the United States. One of her many famous quotes says, "There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." Michelle has inspired millions by not only being a role model for women internationally but also by helping military families, encouraging national service, arts in education, and so much more. Emma is not just an award-winning actress, but also an activist for gender equality. According to One Young World, Emma "...was appointed a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador and helped launch the UN Women campaign, HeForShe." She also visited schools in Bangladesh and Zambia to promote girls' education.



A famous quote by Emma Watson is, "feeling beautiful has nothing to do with what you look like, I promise." Amanda is the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history. The award-winning writer and cum laude graduate of Harvard University has written for the New York Times and will soon publish three books. Amanda's words have won her invitations to the Obama White House and to perform in front of many celebrities and superior individuals. However, not everyone is noticed for all that they do. Teachers and staff here at TTMS help out students and form young minds! History teachers, Mrs. Hernandez and Ms. Forman were interviewed regarding women's history. According to Mrs. Hernandez, "Maya Angelou is the woman in history that I look up to the most." Maya Angelou was a poet and civil rights activist. "She was incredibly motivating. What inspires me, is how she had a hard upbringing, but she didn't let that stop her." Mrs. Hernandez leads by example. She believes that much of the perspectives of history are from a male. Ms. Forman stated that she feels Women's History Month is important because "women and their upcoming have been left out of many history books." Ms. Forman looks up to Hedy Lamarr. She assisted in the invention of the internet, specifically Wi-Fi, GPS, and Bluetooth, while also having an acting career in Czechoslovakia. In conclusion, women including Michelle Obama, Emma Watson, Amanda Gorman, Maya Angelou, and Hedy Lamarr have impacted society for the better, along with teachers here at TTMS. They all have allowed women to live better lives and have made it easier for girls to stand up for what is right!

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT TTMS

BY QUINN D., MIKHAIL G., AND GIOVANNI M.

Black History Month started as Black History Week in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Black History Week was recognized for 50 years until president Gerald Ford signed a bill stating that it would become a month. It was named Black History Month, and it happens every February, and it focuses on the contributions that African Americans went through to achieve equality, and important African Americans who helped to change our world for the better.

Black History Month is not only about African Americans who made contributions to the abolition of slavery, it is also about African Americans who made scientific discoveries, such as Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson. She was the first Black woman to acquire a doctorate in physics at MIT. Her work in helping to develop faster communication technology earned her 3 awards including a W.E.B. DuBois medal from Harvard, and a National Medal of science from Harvard. Another African American scientist is Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett who helped developed the vaccine for COVID-19. As a result, she received the NAACP Key of Life award in 2020. Other African-Americans who made significant contributions include Max Robinson, who became the first African-American anchor the nightly network news, and the first Black anchor in Washington D.C. He was also an activist against racism, and he was one of the founders of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

We asked some of our teachers about why they think Black History Month is important and how they try to help students learn about Black History Month and the achievements of African-Americans. Mr. Hankerson says, "Black History Month is important to me because it is an opportunity to highlight several people who have not been recognized for various accomplishments and contributions that they have made to our country.

To promote Black History Month in my class, students are researching different individuals or different periods of time that are significant for African Americans, and we also analyze how those times impact us today." Ms. Watson says, "For me, the most important part about Black History Month is educating students and celebrating the resiliency of historic African-American people and their contributions."

To conclude, Black History Month is an important month were we celebrate the significant contributions, and sacrifices African Americans made to improve civil rights, science, sports, politics, and many other areas of our lives.



GOING GREEN AT TEQUESTA

BY DELIA C., ALYSSA M., & ISHANVI C.

Our planet has done outstanding things to allow us to live wonderful lives. We may take advantage of how fortunate we are to have “mother nature”. It’s time to give back!

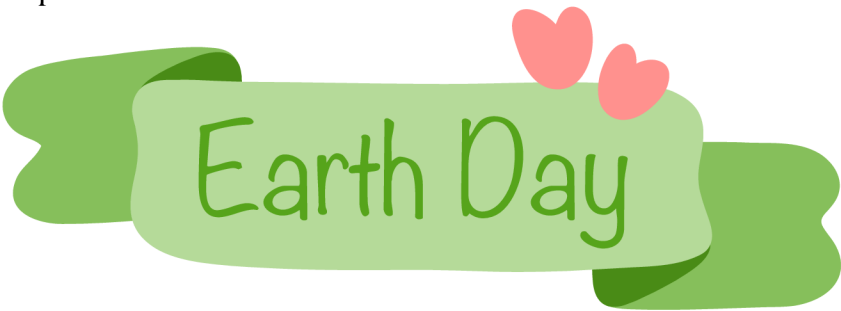
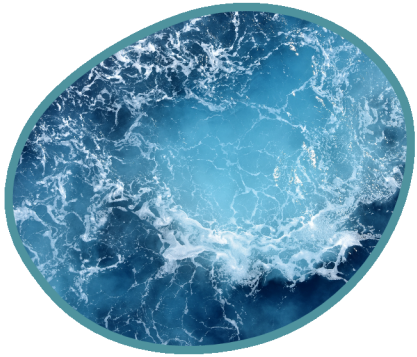
Earth Day occurs on April 22 to observe environmental issues and memorialize how our earth has sustained us!

Over 50 years ago, in 1970, the first Earth Day was celebrated. This day occurred as a US senator arranged a national demonstration to raise awareness about ecological problems. According to an article by National Geographic, “Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was an event celebrated by more than 140 countries around the globe.”

At Tequesta Trace, many students and staff members recycle, clean litter, grow plants, reduce plastic, conserve electricity, and limit water usage. To create a happier and healthier planet, tons will join to protect the Earth from pollution and deforestation.

Pollution, or pollutants are harmful materials that damage air quality along with land. Deforestation is the intentional clearing of forested land, which has most likely been razed to create additional locations including agriculture, farmlands, manufacturing, construction, factories, and homes. If the individuals here at TTMS and folks around the globe contributed to Earth Day to limit pollutants, then that will surely be a day to remember!

To conclude, Earth Day is more than an acknowledgment of recycling. It’s a sociable reminder to come together at least once a year and make our world a healthier place! This can be accomplished by giving a helping hand in cleaning up. TTMS, take action this Earth Day, whether it be by simply taking a shorter shower or turning the lights off as you exit a room!



NATIONAL CHEESE DAY? WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT EITHER

BY CALI G., RYLIE M., & JAYMEE M.

National Cheese Day is a national holiday to celebrate the many varieties and styles of cheese. This national holiday is celebrated on June 4th, 2025. We decided to write this article to inform the students and staff about this day. We interviewed the cafeteria staff and Hayden P. to talk about why cheese is so important to them. Have you ever thought of why cheese is so important and why it should be a national day?

To start, we decided to interview Hayden P. to talk about why cheese is so important to him and here is what he said. First, we decided to ask why he thought cheese should be in the cafeteria. He said, “Cheese is a healthy option, and it tastes good.” Next, we asked if he has ever heard of National Cheese Day. He said, “No, because it's not an everyday thing and not a lot of people talk about it.” Finally, we asked why he thinks National Cheese Day is important. He said, “I think it's important because cheese should have a day to celebrate.”

Next, we decided to interview Mrs. Helen, the head of the cafeteria staff to talk about why cheese is important to have in the cafeteria and here is what she said: “It’s good for your health because it has a lot of calcium and nutrients.” Next, we asked if she has ever heard of National Cheese Day. She replied: “Yes, but I don’t remember what day it is”. Finally, we asked her if she thinks National Cheese Day is important. She said, “Yes, why not; everyone likes cheese.”

Finally, we would like to say thank you to all the cafeteria staff for everything they do and making sure to try to include cheese in every lunch meal here at Tequesta.



YOUR FUTURE, THEIR MISSION

BY DELIA C., ALYSSA M., AND MIRANDA V.

It's that time of year! National School Counseling Week is here. From February 2 to February 8, we celebrated the intelligent work that our school counselors do to make Tequesta a better place. Our school counselors contribute much of their time, effort, and love to ensure that TTMS students have the middle school they deserve!

This special week was established by Linda T. Sanchez. She is a Congresswoman who decided to design this week as a yearly resolution. It was made to contribute to school counselors. National School Counseling Week has occurred since the year 2008 and has provided acknowledgment to all that Tequesta's counselors do for our school.

Speaking of counselors, Mr. Jones is the 7th-grade school counselor here at TTMS. He has also taken on answering any questions and coordinating all things related to Western High School. "My favorite part of being a school counselor has been being able to help kids individually," he said. Mr. Jones used to be Tequesta's band director. He enjoyed working with kids one-on-one, leading to him moving on to be one of our school counselors, where he has continued for 16 years!

Furthermore, Mrs. Veronick is the 6th-grade school counselor. She has also taken on answering any questions and coordinating all things related to Cypress Bay High School. She stated that her favorite part about being a school counselor is interacting with students. She started in 2000 when she got her degree. "I chose to become a school counselor because I wanted a job where I could work at a school and also be able to sustain and have time with my family."



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If you have walked into the guidance building, you have probably seen Ms. Janer, an intern at Tequesta, that has been gaining experience by working with Mrs. Veronick. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology and is in her first year of graduate school. "I decided to pursue this because I want to work in a school and help kids succeed," Ms. Janer stated. She has appreciated getting to know students.

Ms. Janer is not the only new "cub" in the Cougar family. Ms. Clark is, too! Ms. Clark is the current 8th grade counselor. She first started as a therapist. Now, she has a job where she's able to connect with kids and work on the same campus as her partner. "I've always had a passion to be working with kids," she said.

To conclude, National School Counseling Week showed TTMS students and staff all of the glorious lessons our counselors provide. From helping to heroic, the school counselors spend their time teaching younger generations how to be leaders by helping them achieve their goals and dreams. Individuals should not just look up to school counselors during this week, but year around. Shoutout to them!

KEEPING OUR CAMPUS SAFE

BY VALERIA C. & STEPAHNIE K.

This year's Tequesta Trace security team has new additions. They protect the students and staff at our school. We wanted to interview them to see what they do on a daily. We interviewed a couple of security guards, Mr. Rivera, and some students. They all expressed their enjoyment of the security team.

The security team is actually very nice, and a lot of students just talk to them during the day just for a little laugh and because people like their personalities a lot. Charlotte L. said, "I like security guards because they're very sweet and fun to talk to." Another student named Karter H. had said that he likes that they "stop fights and protect people".

We got to interview Mr. Twitty and he said that his inspiration for becoming a security guard is "wanting to protect the future leaders". He said he also loves interacting with the students on campus. Mr. See said his inspiration to become a security guard was being in the army in the past and being able to find another job where he could serve and protect the community. Miss Smith said her favorite part about the job is "seeing the kids smile every day". The last person we interviewed was Mr. Griggs and he said that his daily routine is making sure that everything is locked up and secure. Many teachers and staff members say that they are very grateful for the security team because they serve and protect our school.

